



March 13, 2013

Subject: Refund of Overpayments to the California Dungeness Crab Fishery Buyback Sub-Loan

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collected outstanding buyback fees on the California Dungeness crab fishery buyback sub-loan after its repayment from September 7, 2012 through December 31, 2012, at which time the loan was closed to further collections. Many of the buyback fees forwarded during that time were for prior year landings and were applied against the loan. As our letter of September 7, 2012 indicated, overpayment of the sub-loan has occurred which will result in refunds based on the landings dates associated with the buyback fees paid.

The resulting overpayments to this sub-loan will be refunded as follows:

- All buyback fees paid to NMFS that meet the minimum threshold of \$25 for April through June 2012 landings will be refunded in full.
- Buyback fees paid for March 2012 landings will be refunded 14.3% of fees paid, as long as that refund portion meets the minimum threshold of \$25.
- Buyback fees forwarded to NMFS for landings after June 30, 2012 will be refunded in full as these fees were not due (77 FR 55191).

A disbursement recipient profile form is required to process these refunds. Buyers who are due refunds will be contacted to complete the disbursement recipient profile form. Please mail it with an original signature to:

NOAA NMFS Financial Services Division F/MB5  
Attn: Liz Ryan  
1315 East West Highway, 13th Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Buyback fees refunded from NMFS should subsequently be refunded accordingly to harvesters from whom the fee was collected. Harvesters who believe they may be due a refund should contact the original buyer of crab. If you have questions or require assistance, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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